

REMARKS

Claims 41-61 are pending in this application. Claims 41-61 stand rejected for obviousness-type double-patenting. Applicants traverse and respectfully request reconsideration. A terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith. Applicants believe the claims are in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Specification

The first paragraph of the specification has been amended to address the objection made in the Office Action. No new matter has been added.

Claim Amendments

No claims have been amended in this paper.

Double-Patenting Rejections

Claims 41-61 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double-patenting over claims 1-24 of U.S. Patent No. 6,159,018 in view of U.S. Pat. No. 4,785,472 to Shapiro. Applicants respectfully traverse.

Applicants have submitted with this response a Terminal Disclaimer that disclaims the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the above-identified application that would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of U.S. Patent No. 6,159,018.

In view of the submission of the Terminal Disclaimer in this matter, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 41-61 for double patenting.

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Summary

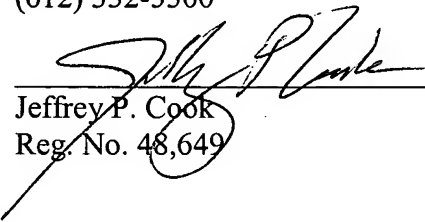
In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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